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**Office Action Summary**

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Alpus H. Hsu

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-31 and 33-49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-31 and 33-49 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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1. Claims 1, 2, 4-31, 33-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, it is unclear as to what function that each of the first and second switching models performs. To be more specific, in each of the first and second switching models, only the coupling and decoupling of the call control signaling and media switching are recited. There is no function recited regarding as to how the call will be processed after one of the switching model is assigned. Furthermore, in lines 3 and 6, the term of "defining" should be changed to -- providing -- to avoid the ambiguity of carrying out the invention. In lines 8-9, the term of "substantially" should be deleted to avoid the issue of indefiniteness.

In claim 21, lines 4 and 6, the term of "defining" should be changed to -- providing -- to avoid the ambiguity of carrying out the invention.

In claim 22, lines 5 and 7, the term of "defining" should be changed to -- providing -- to avoid the ambiguity of carrying out the invention.

In claim 23, line 1, the status of claim 23 should be changed from "New" to "Previously Presented".

In claim 30, it is unclear as to what function that each of the first and second switching models performs. To be more specific, in each of the first and second switching models, only the coupling and decoupling of the call control signaling and media switching are recited. There is no function recited regarding as to how the call will be processed after one of the switching model is assigned. Furthermore, in line 6, the term of "substantially" should be deleted to avoid the issue of indefiniteness.

In claim 49, it is unclear as to what function that each of the first and second switching models performs. To be more specific, in each of the first and second switching models, only the coupling and decoupling of the call control signaling and media switching are recited. There is no function recited regarding as to how the call will be processed after one of the switching model is assigned. Furthermore, in lines 2 and 5, the term of "defining" should be changed to -- providing -- to avoid the ambiguity of carrying out the invention. In line 8, the term of "substantially" should be deleted to avoid the issue of indefiniteness.

2. Claims 1, 2, 4-31, 33-49 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alpus H. Hsu whose telephone number is (571)272-3146. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (5:30-3:00) First Friday Off.

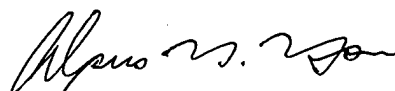
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on (571)272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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